

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**

The Special Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, September 24, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Schuetter.

Chairman Wayne Schuetter stated that Doug Schulte, Secretary, was not able to be at the meeting and that a motion needed to be made to appoint an Acting Secretary.

Ken Sendelweck made a motion to appoint Alex Emmons to be Acting Secretary. Rick Stradtner seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0.

**UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:**

Wayne Schuetter – Chairman  
Rick Stradtner – Vice Chairman  
Alex Emmons – Wastewater Commissioner  
Ken Sendelweck – Electric Commissioner

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ernie Hinkle – Gas & Water Manager  
Bud Hauersperger – General Manager  
Renee Kabrick – City Attorney  
Ashley Kiefer – Office Manager

**ABSENT:**

Doug Schulte – Secretary  
Dave Hurst – Water Commissioner  
Keith Masterson – Gas Commissioner  
Ed Hollinden – Wastewater Manager  
Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager

Chairman Wayne Schuetter stated that four members are present; therefore there are enough members for a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (DVD-01:25)

Chairman Wayne Schuetter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**UV CONSTRUCTION BIDS** (DVD-01:45)

Chairman Schuetter said that the purpose of the meeting is to award the bid for the Ultraviolet Treatment Addition project for the Water Department. This project was mandated by EPA.

Derick Wiggins, with Midwestern Engineers, informed the Board that the bids for the Ultraviolet Treatment Addition were reviewed by Midwestern Engineers. Wiggins stated that the low bidder, Mitchell & Stark Construction, are excellent contractors with lots of experience. Their low bid was \$1,226,400. Midwestern has worked with Mitchell & Stark on several jobs and highly recommends them.

Wiggins informed the Board that Mitchell & Stark will now take over the procurement of the UV equipment for the project. Hauersperger stated that a pre-construction meeting will be held. Attorney Kabrick will do a final review of the contracts once all the documents are received.

Hauersperger stated that a Water Committee meeting will be scheduled to review the cash flow for the project. The Water Department may need to borrow money from the Electric Department, which would be paid back plus interest.

Rick Stradtner made a motion to award the low bid to Mitchell & Stark Construction for \$1,226,400 for the UV Treatment Addition project at the Water Treatment plant, pending final approval of contracts by Attorney Kabrick. Ken Sendelweck seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0.

Wiggins stated that he did need signatures on the Notice of Award.

#### **BOIL ORDER UPDATE STATEMENT** (DVD-05:40)

Bud Hauersperger read the statement aloud as follows:

“The investigation into the recent Boil Order is ongoing. So far, our internal review, and IDEM’s review of the events leading up to the boil order have found no breaches in water treatment protocol. Tim Doersam even went beyond protocol to initiate other tests on his own. It was these additional tests that uncovered the deficiencies in chlorine levels in the water system which then led to the need to initiate a boil order.

With the help of Midwestern Engineers and IDEM, the plant was returned to normal operation and the distribution system was flushed in order to increase the chlorine content of the water to safer levels. IDEM requires that water samples pass multiple tests over a two day period before the boil order can be lifted. This testing procedure took until Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2pm to be completed and the boil order was removed at that time.

New protocols have already been started by the water plant operators based on what was learned and what was recommended by IDEM. There will also be continuing studies to determine if any additional changes need to be made to mitigate any similar events in the future. IDEM’s initial report states that they believe there was some kind of natural event in the river that caused an excessive amount of solids to be drawn into the water plant. A Water Committee meeting will be scheduled to review any other findings and recommendations and a full report will be discussed at a future Utility Service Board meeting.”

Hauersperger said that he hopes to have a full report regarding the Boil Order by the October Utility Service Board meeting.

Chairman Schuetter, on behalf of the Board, thanked all the City employees that worked above and beyond during the boil order. He also thanked the public for their patience, and Midwestern Engineers, along with IDEM, for all their help.

Rick Stradtner stated that Tim Doersam, Water Filtration Foreman, went beyond IDEM protocols to deal with the situation. He did an outstanding job.

Chairman Schuetter stated that the Water Department is doing a complete review of all the equipment and protocols in the plant so this hopefully does not happen again in the future.

**WHODERVILLE AGREEMENTS** (DVD-09:40)

Attorney Kabrick informed the Board that at the September Utility Service Board meeting the Whoderville project was discussed. During the discussion, Attorney Kabrick stated that the agreements between the City and the property owners would not be recorded and that no liens would be put on the properties in the event of a default.

The liens comment was stated correctly, but the comment regarding recording the documents was not correct. The agreements with the owners **will be** recorded. The agreements have to be recorded so that the agreement is binding with whoever owns the property.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12AM upon motion by Alex Emmons and second by Rick Stradtner. Motion approved, 4-0.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Chairman